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Appln. No.: 10/553,318)	Washington, D.C.
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For: RAPID-ACTION CLAMPING)	
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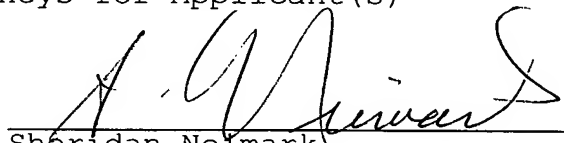
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